

## Reasons for Finding of Necessity for Emergency Adoption

This amendment is adopted as an emergency measure because bill A1204 (same as S6501) allowing treatment by physical therapy assistants and occupational therapy assistants takes effect on the thirtieth day after it is signed into law. In order to ensure a smooth implementation of the law and prevent delays in treatment and payment for treatment, for general health and safety of injured workers receiving treatment that could be provided by occupational/physical therapy assistants under this bill, the proposal is being filed as an emergency adoption and proposal to prevent delays in treatment and unnecessary billing disputes. This will provide guidance and clarity about which codes may be used for billing and procedures for billing when services are performed by physical therapy/occupational therapy assistants as soon as the law takes effect, and is being proposed as a permanent regulation as well to ensure public comments are taken into account so any necessary changes can be made before it is permanently adopted.